II. NEIGHBORHOOD

Popular name of neighborhood Downtown Carbondale

Approximate number of buildings 75 Approximate number of residents 3,000

Economic and racial composition:

Low- and moderate-income for the most part, many are senior citizens; Caucasians

Approximate age of buildings:

Before 1850	____%	1925-1940	20 %
1850-1900	35 %	after 1940	20 %
1900-1925	25 %		

Condition of most buildings: X Good repair ____ Disrepair ____ Deteriorated

Current private trends (check one or more):

____ Some rehabilitation activity by residents
X Some rehabilitation activity by newcomers
____ Little or no rehabilitation activity
X Significant rehabilitation activity by residents
____ Significant rehabilitation activity by newcomers

Conditions having an adverse impact on low and moderate-income residents (focus on disinvestment or reinvestment problems affecting these residents):

Neighborhood jobs in the anthracite mines are no longer available because of the closing of the mines.

Current public improvement activity in the neighborhood: The Committee to Restore Carbondale City Hall, Inc has begun to restore the building that stands at the very heart of the downtown area, Carbondale City Hall. An abandoned bank building has recently been bought by a private developer who will turn the bank building into an office building. In initiating the restoration of Carbondale City Hall, the Committee intended to influence the revitalization of the entire downtown area, and to a limited degree has succeeded in doing so. The Committee now needs funds to effectively continue with the restoration effort.

Percent of locality's Community Development Block Grant funds going to neighborhood 0 %

Name of historic district Downtown Carbondale, PA 18407

This project area (or group of project buildings) is recognized as a historic district by the following entity: _____

Carbondale City Hall is listed on the Pennsylvania Inventory of Historic Buildings; ~~the Committee is presently completing the nomination form for~~ the National Register of Historic Buildings. (attach documentation)

If the neighborhood is not currently in an official city or state registry or the National Register of Historic Places, provide a letter from the State Historic Preservation Officer stating that the neighborhood (or group of buildings) appears to meet criteria of the National Register, given available background and information. Applicants are urged to contact their State Historic Preservation Office early in order to allow sufficient time to consider the area and write the letter.